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## June 29, 2007 - City releases water revenues for January through May 2007

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The city of Boulder Public Works Department released today updated year-to-date information pertaining to water billed revenue and use for the period of January through May 2007, comparing that data to the same time period in 2006.

The new water budget rate structure has been effective since January 2007, and the water billed revenue and use summary is as follows: Year-to-date numbers show a six percent decrease in revenues (\$5,362,208), as compared to last year's revenues (\$5,724,251) for the same time period. Additionally, year-to-date numbers show a 12 percent decrease in water usage (1,502,564 thousands of gallons used), as compared to last year's water usage (1,710,310 thousands of gallons used) at the same time.

Single-Family

Multi-Family

Commercial / Industrial

Irrigation Only

Total

Approximate # of customers / class

22,300

2,500

2,100

1,600

28,500

2007 Billed Revenue

\$2,143,194

\$1,289,262

\$1,693,156

\$236,596

\$5,362,208

2007 Use

(1,000 gallons)

517,386

426,845

527,033

31,300

1,502,564

2006 Billed Revenue

\$2,432,840

\$1,395,156

**\$1,502,858**

\$393,398

\$5,724,251

2006 Use

(1,000 gallons)

625,306

489,157

529,242

66,605

1,710,310

"We still feel that it is too early to tell what kind of impact the rate structure will have on annual revenues, as the majority of water use occurs during the irrigation season," said Director of Public Works for Utilities Ned Williams. "We expect these numbers for revenue and water use to fluctuate throughout the year."

The new water budget rate structure was created to allow for more flexibility in managing water use restrictions during times of water shortage or drought and to maintain current water conservation efforts.

The water budget rate structure was approved by City Council in December 2004. In November 2006, City Council approved the Block 2 rate of \$2.50. A rate analysis done last year showed that the \$2.50 Block 2 rate could provide approximately \$3 million of excess annual revenue, depending upon actual water use and adjustments to water budgets. Any excess revenue collected will stay within the water utility fund and City Council will determine how the revenue will be used and whether any excess revenue collected will result in a reduction or delay of future rate increases.

For more information, contact Ned Williams at (303) 441-3209 or visit [www.boulderwater.net/](http://www.boulderwater.net/).

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